Training states against terrorism

1552. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangalore city has only 257 Firemen for over 70 lakh people; if so, what specific steps Government have taken to ensure that all State Governments are better prepared for the consequences of terrorist action; and

(b) whether the Government are conducting any training and skill upgradation programmes for the State Government personnel, to ensure better response to acts of terrorism; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) As per information received from the State Government, Bagalore city has 12 fire stations, 4 fire protection squads and three special units with a sanctioned manpower of 710 persons. State Governments have been advised to set up Search and Rescue units as Medical First Responder (MFR) AND Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue (CSSR) Teams for handling consequences of disasters including terrorism related emergencies. Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Radiological, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (RNBC) emergencies have been formulated, which required the State Governments to initiate preparedness measures after preparing individual SOPs.

(b) State Government have been advised to the identify trainees to be trained by Master Trainers of Central Para Military Forces (CPMFs). The trainees so trained in the States would further train the personnel of State Governments. Financial assistance, training support and technical guidance is also extended to States for building up their capacity for disaster management including terrorism related exigencies.

Upgradation of disaster management system

1553. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any specific steps in ensuring that State Governments upgrade and expand capacites of their disaster